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From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Fri 3/21/2014 8:12:34 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Regional Administrator Brooks Responds to Missouri Attorney General Koster on West Lake Landfill

Frank,

With his regrets, our Regional Administrator Karl Brooks wanted me to let you know that his schedule will not allow the Monday call-in.

He also wanted you to have this statement, in the event it would be of help in the station's continuing coverage of West Lake Landfill:

From Karl Brooks, Regional Administrator:

EPA Working with Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has an expression: "One Team, One Fight." That's a principle we live by when it comes to the West Lake Landfill Site. EPA, the St. Louis area Congressional delegation and the Missouri Attorney General are in agreement that this site requires a team of the best people. This is why I have been in discussions with the Army Corps to enlist their construction management expertise for the isolation barrier to separate the Radiologically Impacted Material from the subsurface smoldering event at Bridgeton Landfill. I'm hopeful construction on the isolation barrier can begin shortly.

Attorney General Chris Koster's letter highlights that shared commitment to protect public health, and we are working to ensure continued close collaboration at the site between the state and federal partners. The complementary regulatory authorities held by the State and EPA will continue to hold the responsible parties to their duties.

EPA's legal authority under Superfund provides the authority to compel the potentially responsible parties to take the actions that are required to protect public health. What's more, EPA has the responsibility to protect the public no matter where the RIM, resulting from the disposal of leached barium sulfate, may be located at the site.

We will continue to share new information on our progress as our plans come together.

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To: Whitley, Christopher

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Chris,

The best way to reach me is my cell... 314 494-2961. Anytime.

Thank you for checking in for us,

Frank

From: Whitley, Christopher [<mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov>]
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Checking on his availability, Frank. I will let you know. How late are you reachable today, and is there a best phone number for me to use?

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Chris,

Good morning. The morning show on KTRS Radio in St Louis has been following this West Lake Landfill story very closely for the past several months. Is Mr Brooks available for interviews on the topic? I'd like to have him on for about 10 minutes with McGraw Milhaven and Kelly Jackson on KTRS. Perhaps 7:20 or 7:50 am Central on Monday March 24?

Thank you,

Frank Ladd

KTRS Radio- St Louis

From: Chris Whitley [<mailto:whitley.christopher@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:26 AM

To: Frank Ladd

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., March 21, 2014) – EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks today sent the following letter to Missouri Attorney General Kris Koster:

March 21, 2014

The Honorable Kris Koster

Attorney General of Missouri

P.O. Box 899

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Koster:

I valued the opportunity to speak with you last week about the need to ensure continued protection of public health at the West Lake Superfund site through effective federal-state partnership. The State of Missouri and the Environmental Protection Agency have been using our respective regulatory and oversight powers to keep holding the responsible parties to their duties: controlling the SSE at Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill, separating the West Lake Landfill from the SSE, and completing selection and implementation of a protective long-term Superfund remedy at West Lake.

As we discussed, Region 7's team of experts continues taking several decisive actions at the West Lake Superfund site. The EPA intends soon to conclude an agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to enlist Corps construction expertise for the isolation barrier to separate West Lake from the SSE. I will keep you and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources closely informed about the status of this project. And I concur with your recommendation that you and I promptly take that opportunity to inform the community about isolation barrier construction activities before they begin.

EPA's jurisdiction under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, also known as Superfund, covers release of hazardous substances wherever they have come to be located. EPA is committed to taking actions that compel the West Lake/Bridgeton PRPs to bear the costs legally required to contain and manage radiologically impacted material (RIM) resulting from the disposal of leached barium sulfate, regardless of where it is located at the site.

EPA's jurisdiction extends to wherever hazardous substances are located within the landfill complex. We will of course, closely cooperate with your office and the MDNR to align CERCLA work with PRP duties compelled by your Order at Bridgeton. I assure you that EPA work at the West Lake/Bridgeton NPL site

will respect state authority while ensuring consistent site evaluations and appropriate allocation of federal and state responsibilities.

The Order your Office established in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County exercised State environmental-protection authorities which EPA considers complementary to our CERCLA powers. The State's lead in compelling the PRPs to control the subsurface smoldering event better enables this agency to compel the PRPs to isolate Bridgeton's SSE from West Lake. I believe that continuing to coordinate state and federal work will best accomplish our mutual goal to keep the public protected from environmental contaminants and nuisances, no matter their origin within the NPL site.

We will continue to coordinate and communicate with you and your colleagues in the State of Missouri as we work to accomplish our shared goal of protecting the health of all Missourians.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

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Learn more about the West Lake Landfill Site:

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